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1. Eight of the nine men who signed the famous telegram to the United Nations, plan during January 1949, to record a title with the judicial authorities and to emerge as a political movement with a program of "reconciliation". The ninth man, Nikolaos Askoutsis, will not participate in this movement, since he belongs to the Central Committee of SK-ELD. General Nicholas Plastiras is aware (sic) of the intentions of these men.

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2. Pepe Argyropoulos proposed to ▇▇▇▇▇▇ that the latter participate in this political movement, but he declined, at least for the present, until the political position of these men and certain other details should be
25X1X6 clarified. ▇▇▇▇ agreed to meet Argyropoulos for further discussion.

3. The eight (or nine) men believe that the Americans are going to support a Government under General Alexander Papagos and Spyros Markezinis. Argyropoulos said that an American holding an important position in the American Mission told him confidentially that this was true. ▇▇▇▇ 25X1X6 however, does not believe it possible that the Americans, under the present international conditions, regard Papagos and Markezinis as capable of coping with the Communist guerrilla movement. ▇▇▇▇ 25X1X6 regards the Papagos-Markezinis solution as the worst possible, and says that it would further strengthen the moral position of Markos.

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4. ▇▇▇▇ notes that the British, according to an article in Vima (21 December 1948) have threatened to withdraw from Greece if a dictatorship
25X1X6 is established. ▇▇▇▇ regards the whole thing as a British plot, and says that when the British are preparing to support some dubious course, they first reject it in order to avoid unfavorable criticisms, but afterwards they cleverly impose this course of action which they had previously rejected.

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